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SUBJ: NEWS ARTICLE ALLEGES EMBASSY INTRUSION ARGENTINE AFFAIRS

1. CRONICA, IN EARLY AFTERNOON EDITION TODAY, CLAIMED US INTER-FERENCE INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN PAGE FOUR STORY UNDER BANNER HEAD: QUOTE YANKEE EMBASSY THREATENS ARGENTINA UNQUOTE.

2. IN CUSTOMARY SENSATIONALIST STYLE, TABLOID CLAIMED THREE MEMORANDA RECENTLY DRAFTED BY EMBASSY TO BACKGROUND US POSITION ON PENDING ARGENTINE LEGISLATION VIOLATED NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND COULD PRODUCE BREAK IN RELATIONS. ARTICLE CLAIMED NOTES QUOTE UNACCEPTABLE UNQUOTE AND QUOTED LETTER PURPORTEDLY FROM MINECON GELBARD TO FONMIN VIGNES SAYING QUOTE ALTHOUGH SUPPOSEDLY INTENDED AS CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM UNQUOTE THE LANGUAGE EMPLOYED RENDERED THEM INADMISSABLE.

3. ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED NOTE FROM CHARGE KREBS TO MIN GELBARD INTENDED PLACE EVENT IN CONTEXT BUT OMITTED PASSAGES MOST USEFUL TO EMBASSY.

4. EMBASSY QUERIED BY LOCAL AND US MEDIA HAS DECLINED COMMENT AND REFERRED QUESTIONERS TO FONMIN. FOR US CORRESPONDENTS, PAO HAS SAID ON BACKGROUND ONLY BASIS, EMBASSY CONSIDERS ENTIRE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EPISODE TEMPEST IN TEAPOT TRIGGERED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO SEE

ENHANCEMENT OF SELF INTERESTS BY APPEALING TO NATIONALIST
SENTIMENTS. FURTHERMORE, WE ASSURED BY RESPONSIBLE ARGENTINE
OFFICIALS THIS IS CLOSED MATTER CONSTITUTING NOTHING
MORE THAN ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC EPISODE.
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